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Subject: Microsoft is still a predator!

To the US Dept. of Justice,

Curiously, Microsoft asked me to contact you in it's settlement in the Tunney Act.

I really think Microsoft is a predator and will use any and all a means to eliminate or dearly hurt any and all Competitors. They have done this for many years. I know.

I started using Computers in 1980 with Apple Computers. Then as the Companies I worked for opted for PC's and Microsoft S/W, I chose PC's and Microsoft Windows for my Home Computer so that the working S/W would be compatible.

I soon found out that Netscape was much easier and better than Internet Explorer from Microsoft. However, having I.E and Netscape on my Computer caused problems and it was always due to the Software in Windows and I.E. that was deliberately causing problems on Netscape.

Now (2001 and 2002) Microsoft Windows XP is even more restrictive and eliminates many Software programs.

It also requires that I register my Computers characteristics (identifies my hardware and some Software) as a way of preventing owners of Win XP from using it on other Computers that they own.

In the Past, most Software Manufactures would allow a customer to use their S/W on two computers if they were not used at the same time. Example: I have a Desktop and a Laptop which I want to be compatible, and which I do not use at the same time. The only other person in my home and Business (Consulting) is my Wife and she hates computers and will not use them. I use my laptop mostly while I am traveling. The exception to this is when I transfer data (not Software) via Laplink from my laptop to my Desktop for backup and storage reasons.

This latest Monopolistic and intrusive action by Microsoft once again proves their intent to control their customers and to eliminate any other Software and Hardware that they do not control.

I think your committee should reconsider the Settlement with Government Controls on their behavior for at least five years.

Sincerely, (A knowledgeable Microsoft User and Customer, and a Consultant in Electronic Equipment and Hardware.

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